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In re Application of:

Eller et al.

Serial No.: 09/992,345

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For: A Method and System for Reducing

Lead-Time in the Packaging Industry

Customer No.: 23455

§ BEFORE THE EXAMINER:

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REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This submission is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition to Extend Time for a period of two months, August 8, 2006, the date now set, up to and including October 9, 2006, along with the authorization for the requisite fee.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 9 of this paper.

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